Subject No. 40. Licenses under the Arms Regulation.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The renewal of licenses every year being attended with difficulty, Malnad raiyats may be altogether relieved of the necessity of having to obtain licenses for keeping guns for self-protection and for watching their crops.

Mr. Pilkington of the North Mysore European Planters' Association opposed the appplication for exemption on the ground that peacocks and other animals were being destroyed indiscriminately and that some species had become altogether extinct. He further observed that the present number of arms allowed is quite out of proportion to reasonable requirements.

Reply of Government.—The general exemption asked for cannot be granted. Under Rule 8 licenses issued to inhabitants of Malnad tracts will hold good till they are cancelled or withdrawn subject to payment of prescribed annual fee. The District Magistrate exercises his discretion in regard to granting licenses. In consultation with him, the game birds and animals in respect of which a close season should be observed will be specified in the licenses.

Summary of discussion.—(*b*) The Members of District Fund and Municipal Boards may be exempted altogether from the operation of the Regulation, while poor people may be given licenses, once for all, on condition of the annual license fee being paid along with the kandayam of their lands.

(*c*) Respectable persons such as sowcars and land holders may be exempted from the operation of the Arms Regulation. There is provision in the rules to which it is requested effect may be given.

Reply of Government.—(*b*) & (*c*) Noted for consideration.

Subject No. 41. Raising the pecuniary jurisdiction of Munsiffs.

Summary of discussion.—Munsiffs should be empowered to entertain and dispose of suits of the value of Rs. 2,000 and under.

Reply of Government.—A Draft Regulation for enhancing the pecuniary jurisdiction of Munsiffs is under the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 42. Arguments and judgments to be in Kannada in Munsiffs' Courts.

Summary of discussion.—In all Taluk offices and Munsiffs' Courts, records are kept in Kanarese but arguments are heard and judgments written in English by Munsiffs. It would be convenient for the public if Advocates and Pleaders were required to argue cases and Munsiffs to write judgments in Kanarese.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit of Mysore observed that when English knowing Advocates are engaged they must address the Court in English.